

### Missouri Department of Natural Resources

# **Total Maximum Daily Load Information Sheet**

### **Panther Creek**

### Water Body Segment at a Glance:

**Counties:** Polk, Hickory

and St.Clair

**Nearby Cities:** Humansville

Length of impaired

segment: 7.8 miles

**Pollutant:** Low Dissolved Oxygen

**Source:** None Given

Water Body ID: 1373



**Scheduled for TMDL development: 2016** 

## **Description of the Problem**

### **Beneficial uses of Panther Creek**

- Livestock and Wildlife WateringProtection of Warm Water Aquatic Life
- Protection of Human Health (Fish Consumption)
- Whole Body Contact Recreation

#### Use that is impaired

Protection of Warm Water Aquatic Life

#### Standards that apply

• In the Missouri Water Quality Standards, found in 10 CSR 20-7.031 Table A, the criterion for dissolved oxygen, or DO, in streams is a minimum of 5 mg/L (milligrams per liter or parts per million).

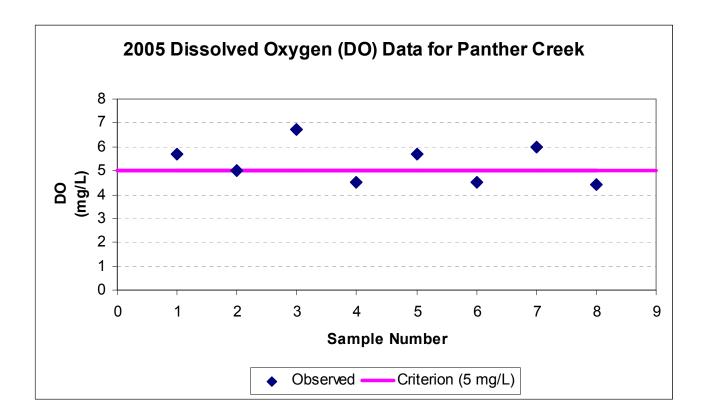
#### Background information and water quality data

Panther Creek is a rural stream that flows north and west around Humansville, Missouri, to join Brush Creek. The low dissolved oxygen impairment is based on data collected by the department from 2000-2004 and 2006.

Water quality conditions in Panther Creek are not protective of aquatic life. Dissolved oxygen is important as many aquatic organisms require high levels of oxygen to survive. For dissolved

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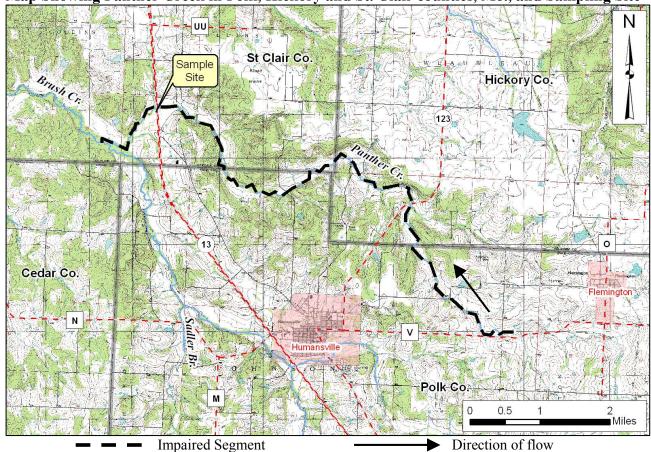
oxygen, if more than 10 percent of measurements in a water body fail to meet the water quality criterion, that water body is judged to be impaired. In the case of Panther Creek, three of eight samples (37.5 percent) did not meet the water quality criterion. It is not known what is causing the dissolved oxygen to be low.



A map of Panther Creek may be found on the next page.

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Map Showing Panther Creek in Polk, Hickory and St. Clair counties, Mo., and Sampling Site



**Sample Site**Panther Creek at State Highway 13

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